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REPLY

These remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2007.

Independent Claim 1

The invention as now presented in claim 1 relates to a chemical imaging spectrometer in which a first illumination source and a two-dimensional infrared image detector are each on a same side of a detection area. This defines a first reflecting angular path, which goes from the first illumination source to the detection area, and then continues on to the two-dimensional infrared image detector. A second illumination source in the array is also on the same side of the detection area, and this similarly defines a second, different reflecting angular path, which goes from the second illumination source to the detection area, and then continues on to the two-dimensional infrared image detector.